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Dowager Queen Eleanor in 1275, fifteen years prior to the general expulsion of all Jews from England. This Jewry seems to have passed a singularly peaceful life. The records carry but one mention of tumult, and that amounts to no more than the passing mention of "the Jew slain." Another note in the records ascribes to a Cambridge Jew, a convert, the beginning of the ritual murder charge which has become historic under the legend of Hugh of Lincoln. Of the inner life of the Jewish community no record has persisted. This was inevitable, for the documents which have come down to us are only such as deal with property rights, records of loans and supplementary proceedings, of pledge and pawn, etc. It is a most exhaustive study of obscure material, a footnote which will be found to shed an important light upon the greater history of the time.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

WORLD AND PARTS OF IT

Geschichte des Volkes Israel. Von Rud. Kittel. Vol. 1: Palästina in der Urzeit. Das Werden des Volkes. Quellenkunde und Geschichte der Zeit bis zum Tode Josuas. 2nd edit. (Handbücher der Alten Geschichte.) 668 pp. F. A. Perthes, Gotha, 1912. Mk. 16. 10 x 6½.

This is a second edition of a work already standard, but, in the time which has elapsed since the former edition, great additions have been made to our comprehension of the subject matter; accordingly, the present revision is tantamount to a rewriting of the whole work. So much of the volume as is conditioned by the higher criticism may properly be left to the consideration of theologians. But there is a considerable accumulation of data herein which is pertinent to the study of economic and social geography. The first third of the volume reviews the most recent work of exploration conducted upon the most promising sites of former culture in Palestine. Successive strata of settlement deposits enable the author to identify the great epochs of the Jewish state as set forth in the Old Testament. The spade and the pick have not been laid aside until the undisturbed hardpan has been reached; thus we have data bearing upon a culture anterior to the Exodus which may be established as far back as the palæolithic age.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

The Ottoman Empire, 1801-1913. By William Miller. (Cambridge Historical Series.) 547 pp. Maps, index. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1913. 7½ x 5.

The volume deals with the history of Turkey in Europe during the period named. It is, of necessity, entirely concerned with the Eastern question, which one of the European diplomats, as quoted by this work, describes as the case of a very sick man who will probably die before all arrangements have been completed for the disposal of his estate. Prominent among the topics treated are the War of Greek Independence of 1821-9 and Lord Byron's part in it, the Crimean War, the Russo-Turkish War of 1877, and the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia in 1900. The most interesting chapters are those which close the work, on the Turkish Revolution of 1908, the Italo-Turkish War of 1911, and the War of the Balkan League in 1912-13.

DAVID H. BUEL.

ANTHROPOGEOGRAPHY

Balder the Beautiful. The Fire-Festivals of Europe and the Doctrine of the External Soul. By J. G. Frazer. Vol. 1: xx and 346 pp. Vol. 2: xi and 389 pp. Index. Macmillan & Co., London, 1913. £1, 2 vols. 9 x 6.

With these two volumes Dr. Frazer completes his great series of the "Golden Bough." As with Nemi he began the tale of pagan faith so with Nemi he completes the story, which has wandered leisurely and profitably around the world. As at Nemi, he whose duty it was to slay the King of the Wood must first pluck the golden bough, so now we find at the end what that golden bough was, the mistletoe growing on the oak, and thus we are led in the beliefs of our northern ancestors to the story of Balder the Beautiful, in whose behalf

death was removed from every object save the overlooked mistletoe, and by mistletoe he was slain.

In this great work the principal theme is the substance of faith, the substratum faith which has endured from the beginning of time. The world around and in every age there is a new faith and an old belief and superstition. Jewry was filled with ancient beliefs which we may trace to Akkad and Sumer. Under Olympus subsisted the elder faith of the Pelasgians and of Crete. Capitoline Jupiter had to tolerate the nine gods of Clusium and a host of Latin, Sabine, Etrurian practices. Through Christendom bubbles up the elder belief in the gods of Greece and Rome; heaven is partly Valhalla; the religion of the Druids can scarcely be shut out of garth and close. What, then, is the ultimate religion of our race? What is the faith of those of us who derive from the British Isles, a faith which we scorn to profess but which unthinkingly we practice? Dr. Frazer does not answer this question in set terms, but he makes it clear. Despite the successive tides of culture which have advanced the race in knowledge and in religion there remains at the basement of the spiritual life a stock of beliefs which can have come from none other than the Mediterranean race. A tremendous moral force lived in this puny man of prehistory. We trace him in his recent survivals, the pygmies of the Aruwimi forest, the Bushmen of the Cape—the lowest of savage folk. It is a startling thought that we have been able to advance so little from the prehistoric man. All our arts, except those of the potter and perhaps of the weaver, are of later acquisition. From his cave we have advanced to the palace; his cromlech scarcely suggests the cathedral; generations and ages have given us the amelioration of life. Yet his religion was so strong that it has outlasted the course of time; in our superstitions we see that his faith has come down to us, and half shyly and more than half with a dread of magic we practice his rites as he did when the world was young.

WILLIAM CHURCHILL.

A CORRECTION

Physical Geography Manual. By A. N. Bengston (W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., Chicago.) [Reviewed in Feb. *Bull.*, p. 147, price incorrectly given as \$1.45. It should be 45 cents.]

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These notes do not preclude more extended reference later

NORTH AMERICA.

DIARY OF NELSON KINGSLEY. A California Argonaut of 1849. Edited by Frederick J. Teggart. 179 pp. *Public. Acad. of Pacific Coast History*, Vol. 3, 1914, No. 3. Univ. of California, Berkeley, Cal., 1914. 9½ x 6½.

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